



30 April 2009
Welcome Centre



1. Welcome and Introductions

Helen Chamberlain (Co-chair), Mark Godfrey (Co-chair), Zandrea Mays Janita Wesson, Helen McDonald (Supporter), Lynne Cooper, Suryabala Amin, Masuma Oomatia (Interpreter), Ellen Alcock, (Supporter), Councillor Heather Johnson, Councillor Joe Clifford, Andy Bennett, Carol Bromley, Julia Aylmer, Sarah Warmington, Gary Bye, Sukhjit Kaur, Karen Healy (Minute taker), Leigh Pitham



Apologies, or people who could not attend today's meeting
Mary Lucas, Kate Escolme

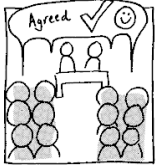
Visitors:

No visitors

2. Items for any other business

- **Provider forum minutes**
- **Provider seats on the board**

3. Notes from the last meeting and Matters Arising



Amendments need to be made to the last meeting's minutes:-

- Page 3 Regarding admin office space being made available at the Caludon Centre.
- Page 6 - clarified that personal financial assessments as referred to in the minutes is not specifically related to the transfer of funds

After these amendments have been made the notes from the last meeting were agreed

Matters arising:

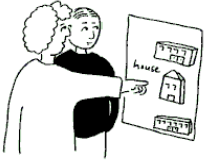
- The Occupational Therapists will be moving to Faseman House enhancing a integrated service delivery.
- The 5 bedded unit at Whitefriars will be moved to the Caludon site in the long term. We may need to look at temporary accommodation as the current site is no longer suitable.

Andy asked for this to be an agenda item for the next meeting

Minutes are available in CD format.

You can also access the minutes by logging on to our website. The address is www.ldpb.info If you do not have access to a computer and would like to have a look at the website, please give Janita a call on 76785481 to arrange to come in to the office.

4. Information from Citywide Group



Lynne Cooper talked about the conference she attended on Individual Budgets which was organised by New Ideas. She thought the conference was good and suggested that we could invite them to Grapevine and the Partnership Board.

- Helen MacDonald said that another view on the conference was that they didn't understand personalised budgets and that there were no handouts to read through afterwards to remind you about what was said.
- The Board agreed it would be a good idea to look at inviting New Ideas to run the conference. It was suggested that we could look at this happening on the event on 2nd July, inviting carers and advocates.
- It was agreed to have a theme on personalisation for a future Partnership Board Meeting.

5. Feedback from Carers



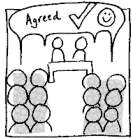
- Julie has spoken to Lil, who works for the Carers Centre and her post has been funded by LDDF. Lil to attend a Partnership Board later in the year to give an update.
- Janita said Lil would come to the Board Meetings every 6 months.
- There has been a forum meeting since the last Partnership Board Meeting where they looked at transport. Wendy Griffiths from Route Forward, Darren Robbins and carers attended. The meeting went well.

6. Review of the Partnership Board Away Day 26 February 2009



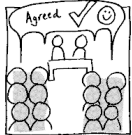
Janita went through the comments people made and asked for Board Members to vote:-

- Membership to Partnership Board, 3rd Carer to be on the Board



Board Members agreed

- Representatives from Forums elect their own representatives.



Board Members agreed

Gary raised concerns regarding representatives from the voluntary and private sectors. It was agreed that Zandrea would look at how providers are represented in other areas and to look at examples of good practice, reporting back to the Board on a regular basis.

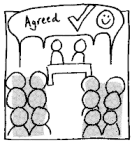
- Open Meetings.

There was discussion around whether parents/carers could attend Partnership Board meetings to observe, 3 ideas were put forward:-

6. Review of the Partnership Board Away Day cont.

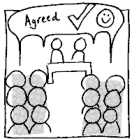


- Self Advocates on the Board can invite a friend/parent/carer to observe a meeting, if they want to.



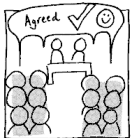
Board Members agreed

- One Partnership Board a year open to other people to observe



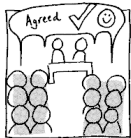
Board Members agreed

- Anyone can observe a meeting if they want to, but they must contact Janita for a period of notice to be given.



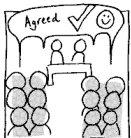
Board Members agreed

- No. of Partnership Board Meetings to remain 10 a year



Board Members agreed

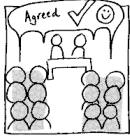
- Timing of Partnership Board to change to 10.30am - 1.00pm. There will be no coffee break but tea and coffee will be available. Lunch will be provided at 1.00pm. Will review new times in future Meetings.



Board Members agreed 7

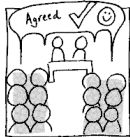
6. Review of the Partnership Board Away Day cont.

- Everyone is Equal in the Meetings, this needs to be clear in the Terms of Reference for the Group.



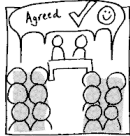
Board Members agreed

- City Wide to set the agenda, plan and run the meetings for at least 2 meetings a year.



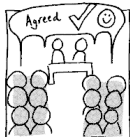
Board Members agreed

- Have a theme for each meeting with a plan for the year.



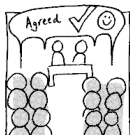
Board Members agreed

- Look at what is not working well and have discussions on how to improve. Have a set agenda item to discuss.



Board Members agreed

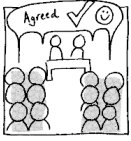
- Hear real life stories



Board Members agreed

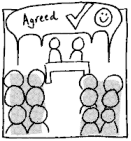
Review of the Partnership Board Away Day cont.

- Sit in small groups for activities



Board Members agreed

- Information circulated at least a week in advance of the meeting.



Board Members agreed

Janita said this is not always possible with a 4 week turnover, but will continue to work to this time line. Councillor Heather Johnson and Julia congratulated Janita for the co ordination of the Partnership Board.

6. Valuing People Now and Developing a new Learning Disability Strategy



- City Wide did a pop quiz where we had to guess the year, the years were 2001 (when Valuing People came out) and 2009 (Valuing People Now).
- City Wide are doing an exercise at Grapevine to see what people were doing in 2001 and now in 2009. There were either big changes or not much change at all. Comments will be circulated with the minutes.
- Gary suggested doing the exercise with people without Learning Disabilities to see if the changes are similar.
- Zandrea suggested doing the exercise with Day Opportunities Workers and Carers.
- Janita said that the current strategy finishes in 2010 and that we need to start looking at producing a new strategy as it will be a lengthy process.
- Everyone went into 2 groups to look at Chapter One and what is working well in Coventry and what needs to be done. Staff teams have already done this exercise at an Away Day.

The exercise will need to be done with City Wide, Carers and Voluntary Providers by the end of July 2009 so the Board can start to set themes and priorities for the Strategy.

8. Any Other Business

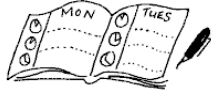


Provider Forum

- Janita was sent the Learning Disabilities Provider Forum Minutes from the 16th March a week ago and was disappointed with the comments made on the Partnership Board Away Day and felt that this was an inaccurate record. Janita received permission from the Chair of the Provider Forum to share their minutes with the Board. These minutes have been circulated city wide. Gary and Carol were not present at the meeting so they were not aware of what was discussed.
- Board Members were also disappointed with what had been said.
- Mark asked Gary and Carol to ensure the right views are fed back to the forum. The Board would like clarification of the points raised.
- The Board agreed that positive stories need to be shared and communicated.

Janis Connell

Sarah informed the Board that Janis will be retiring from the Partnership Trust. Sukhjit is the new Community Service Manger for Learning Disabilities (Partnership Trust) and now will be the representative on the Board for future meetings. Sarah Warmington will attend on a quarterly basis. The Board would like to give their thanks to Janis for the work she has done on behalf of the Board.



Date of next meeting:-

Thursday 28th May 2009

10.30 - 1.00pm

Welcome Centre

Parkside

